

# On Call Inside the Blue

A community news publication of the Arlington Police Department

## What's Going On ...

The new **Citizens Police Academy** is **now meeting** at the APD Training Center at 6000 W. Pioneer Parkway.

The **Arlington Association of Hispanic Citizens Police Academy Board Meeting** is 7 p.m. Tuesday, January 31, in the East District Community Board Room, 2001 New York Avenue.

The next **All-City Community Watch Group Coordinators Meeting** is 6:30 p.m. Thursday, February 2, at the East Police Station. Call 817-459-5589 for more information.

**Congratulations! The New Police Recruit Graduation Ceremony** is 3 p.m. Monday, February 6, at the Metro Center at Fielder Road Baptist.

**Community Connections** brings Arlington service providers together for information learning and sharing. This event is especially for members of the faith-based community, congressional leaders, staff and volunteers. Save the date: Monday, February 27, at First United Methodist Church. RSVP to: <mailto:bkellar@northdavischurch.org>

## Public Safety Communication

### Monthly Newsletter Highlights Police Community Partnerships

**New in 2012!** The Arlington Police Department launches a new forum for keeping up with the agency – a newsletter with focus on public safety and community partnerships. This news publication will highlight local law enforcement trends and public safety success stories. In this newsletter, you will find interviews with community watch group members, citizens on patrol, police officers, sergeants and lieutenants - all who are working to safeguard neighborhoods, tourist attractions and business districts.

The newsletter will also promote community events with historical perspectives, Police District Pages and special features such as "Ask-A-Chief." Read it online at [www.ArlingtonPD.org](http://www.ArlingtonPD.org), pick up a copy at the APD Office of Communication or subscribe at [PDOOC@Arlingtontx.gov](mailto:PDOOC@Arlingtontx.gov). **Coming later in 2012:** Public safety communications will feature a community blog. Watch for it!

## New Year, More Downward Trends in Crime

The Arlington Police Department started 2012 with great news. Crime analysts are recording downward trends in offenses such as robbery, vehicle theft, assault, violent crime and motorized vehicle burglary.

Arlington Police celebrated the good news at the Managers' Meeting on January 10. The success of the Holiday Robbery Detail, which occurred between November 25 and January 2, was a significant highlight, police officials said. Citywide, robbery dropped about 50 percent in high risk

commercial areas. The Department has seen a more than 30 percent decrease in property crimes across the city.

Arlington Police will continue to work toward reducing fatality crashes, many of which were caused by speeding drivers and intoxicated persons in 2011.

**Coming Next Month:** More crime analysis by districts with year-to-date comparisons from the Uniform Crime Report.

# Blue Notes

In neighborhoods across the city, residents are **ON CALL**, engaged and vigilant! Thank you for being our partners in crime. Notes from a few recent success stories:

In December, a concerned citizen spotted a vehicle parked in front of her neighbor's house and she watched the driver walk to the front door. When no one answered the door, she saw the man force the front door open with a crow bar. The woman called 9-1-1 and reported seeing two additional men get out the car, go into the house and return to the car carrying items from the house. As she gave detailed descriptions of the suspects and the vehicle, the men drove away from the home. The woman gave the 9-1-1 dispatcher the direction of the car, allowing officers enroute to intercept the suspects. This led to a short vehicle pursuit that ended with the arrests of the suspects in Fort Worth. The suspects took a substantial amount of property, including Christmas gifts, from the home. Thanks to this woman's quick thinking and good neighbor vigilance, the gifts were returned and three suspects were charged with burglary.

**Note to Citizens:** This is an excellent example of how you can also be the "extra eyes and ears" in your neighborhood. This neighbor saw suspicious activity and reported it. Thieves never had an opportunity to open the presents they stole. Did you know? Citizens on Patrol and Neighborhood Community Watch programs provide excellent training and an opportunity for you to take an active role in your community. Call 817-459-5725 to learn more.



In an unrelated story of citizen bravery, a wrecker driver saw a dark-colored vehicle driving toward a woman who was walking down an Arlington street. When the vehicle drove close to the woman, the driver slowed down, then drove onto the curb, and struck the woman. The wrecker driver said it appeared that the vehicle had knocked her approximately 10 feet. The suspect driver backed up and drove toward the woman again, but became stuck in a concrete drainage culvert. The wrecker driver called 9-1-1 in order to be a witness and report what had occurred. He obtained the license plate information, which identified the registered owner of the vehicle. The suspect was soon detained by officers at the scene. The Arlington Police Department recognizes the bravery and selfless actions of this wrecker driver who helped apprehend the suspect.

## Safety First

The Texas fatality crash rate involving large trucks continues to fall thanks to law enforcement efforts like this.



Officers weighed the tandem axle on this trailer.



APD Officer Dave Szatkowski checked the rim on this tire.

On January 17, the Arlington Police Department joined Texas DPS Highway Patrol and police agencies from Grand Prairie, Fort Worth, North Richland Hills and Mansfield for a Commercial Vehicle Enforcement detail along Interstate 30. Law Enforcement Officers inspected vehicle components such as tires, brake systems, and lights. Laws regulating weight were also enforced. At the conclusion of this specialized operation, officials recorded 92 violations. Nine vehicles were placed out of service according to Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations.

# On Call with the New Crime Prevention Unit Sergeant

**"The citizens of Arlington are the first line of defense in the fight against crime. It is important that we get involved and stay informed about what is going on in our community."**

**Sgt. Vincent Pewitt**

Sergeant Vincent Pewitt has recently been assigned to the Crime Prevention Unit. He is no stranger to the Arlington community. Sgt. Pewitt has been with the Arlington Police Department since 1997.

Starting out as a patrol officer, he worked his assigned area and took advantage of every opportunity to gain more insight into community policing.

He has served on various committees and received multiple awards from the Department. Part of his tenure included time as a Field Training Officer, Detective and Training Coordinator before promoting to the rank of sergeant in 2009.

For 12 years, Sgt. Pewitt volunteered as a member of the Arlington Police Department Honor Guard. He is also a Hostage Negotiator on the SWAT team.



## A Focus On Community

- Community Watch Group Meetings
- Crime Prevention Unit Supervisor
- National Night Out Coordination
- Public Safety Athletic League
- Citizens on Patrol

**Crime Prevention Unit - 817-459-5726**

Born in Los Angeles, California, Sgt. Pewitt is a 1993 graduate of Tuskegee University in Alabama where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Psychology.

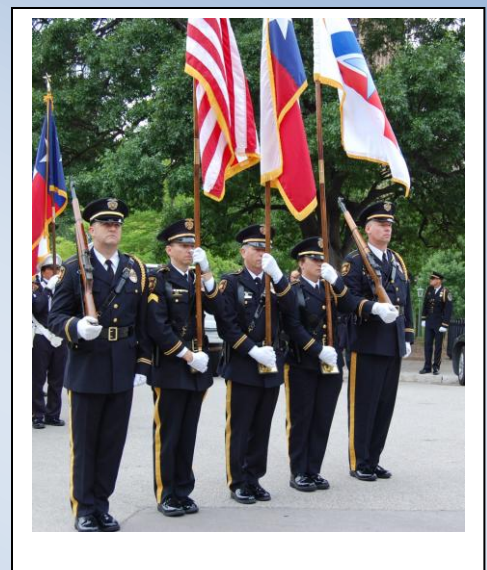
At the time, Sgt. Pewitt said he did not have an interest in law enforcement until taking advantage of an internship opportunity with the U.S. Marshall's Service. He later completed a ride-out with a police officer and his interest in the field of law enforcement began.

Sgt. Pewitt is a member of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives as well as many other notable law enforcement organizations. When you see Sgt. Pewitt at the next community event, be sure to welcome him to his new post.

## A Moment in History ... Important Facts from Police Museum Files

The year was 1986, when the APD Honor Guard was born. Retired Sergeants **James Laman** and **Gary Krohn** were asked to lay the groundwork for the Department's first Honor Guard. Members received their initial training from the Old Guard of the U.S. Army at Fort Meyer, Virginia. The Honor Guard participates in various ceremonies, including city and department sponsored events. They honor fallen officers who made the ultimate sacrifice. Today, this distinguished police unit remains dedicated to upholding the highest values and traditions of the men and women in law enforcement. The Honor Guard has three sections: The Color Team, Rifle Team and Casket Team. **Detective Troy Medina** is the Department's longest serving member on the team.

***"Our purpose is to properly honor and pay respect. We want the public to know what an officer means to the department and their importance in life."*** - Detective Troy Medina



**Watch for a new Moment in Police History every month.**

## Questions?

### ... Ask-A-Chief

Have you ever wanted to ask the Chief or one of his command staff a question? Now you can. If you have a question, submit it through *On Call*. The Chief and his command staff will respond to questions and post the answers here in this section.

We will also use our social media to share responses from questions that the Department receives.



Chief Theron Bowman

#### How to Submit:

1. Compose your public safety-related question.
2. E-mail to [PDOOC@Arlingtontx.gov](mailto:PDOOC@Arlingtontx.gov)
3. Be sure to provide your name and contact info.

Your question may be answered by the Police Chief or any Assistant Chief or Deputy Chief.

[www.ArlingtonPD.org](http://www.ArlingtonPD.org)



## Social Media - Community Policing to the Next Level

Social media plays an important role in communicating with citizens. APD recognizes that by casting a wide net to garner audience attention, the Arlington Police Department has a better opportunity to reach more community stakeholders. The Department currently posts information to Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Live Chat and NIXLE. While each platform is different in the way content is managed and presented, this brief summary will give citizens a perspective on each of the various social platforms.

"With almost 400,000 residents, information dissemination can be a challenge," said Sgt. Christopher Cook with the Arlington Police Office of Communication.

"Social media is one tool to engage citizens, recruit officers, and serve as the sole authoritative source of correct information about the Arlington Police Department," he said.

#### Here's how it works:

**Facebook** is used to show the "feel-good" side of the Department with stories ranging from officers receiving awards to citizens assisting with crime-fighting strategies. New in 2012, each police district

unveiled its own Facebook fan page. Visit the main Police Facebook fan page, and then connect with North, East, West or South for content specific to your neighborhood.

**Twitter** is used to post real-time breaking news, such as traffic alerts to help motorists travel safely through the city to their destinations.

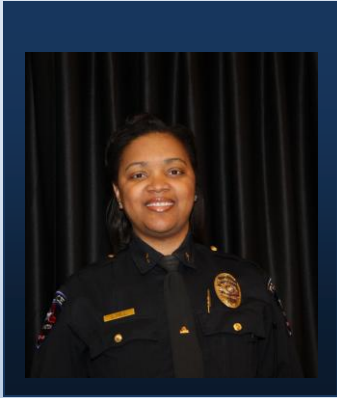
The Department's **YouTube** channel allows the public to view videos, such as requests to identify suspects in robbery scenes, public service announcements and video news stories.

**Live Chat** has been launched to provide instant online chat capability between citizens and police officers. You can talk directly with an officer by going to the [www.ArlingtonPD.org](http://www.ArlingtonPD.org) website and clicking the "Start Chat" flashing icon.

**NIXLE** is a subscription-based instant messaging service that allows the public to sign up for news alerts, advisories, and community news.

Through the multi-faceted approach of social media, residents should be able to get their information directly from source, which is the Arlington Police Department.

# On Call in the North District



## Greetings North District

Deputy Chief Laretta Hill is responsible for overseeing all of the patrol officers assigned in the North Patrol District. With more than 17 years of experience, Deputy Chief Hill brings fresh ideas and the strong leadership skills necessary to direct the community policing efforts ongoing in her area of responsibility.

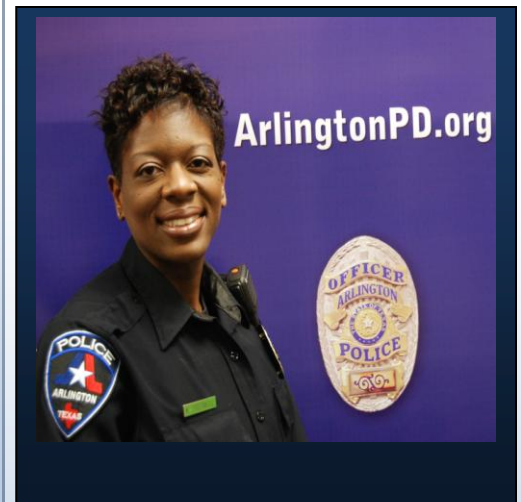
As your North District Deputy Chief, a few of my goals are to ensure that our police officers are providing the community with an exceptional work ethic, positive attitude and professionalism. Our community's safety and well being are very important to me.

I want our Arlington residents to always feel secure and know that we, as a Police Department, have you and your family's best interests in mind. I look forward to what the future has in store and partnering with you to build a safer community. Together, we can continue to make Arlington a wonderful place to live, play and visit.

## Meet North District Crime Prevention Officer Kimberly Fretwell

Officer Kimberly Fretwell has been an Arlington Police Officer for 11 years and has worked in various units within the Department, including East Patrol and the Vice Unit. She has been a School Resource Officer, and is now the North District Crime Prevention Officer.

As a Crime Prevention Officer, it is her responsibility to educate the community about preventative programs to reduce crime in the North District. The Crime Prevention Unit helps to facilitate the promotion of community-based policing and provide a variety of services to the Arlington Community.



I really enjoy working with our community partners. One of those vital groups that I help coordinate is the Arlington Clergy and Police Partnership (ACAPP). ACAPP is a coalition of Arlington's religious leaders who work in close partnership with the Arlington Police Department to enhance services for the citizens of Arlington. Members of the ACAPP program meet regularly, are deployed in ride-outs with uniformed police officers in the field and may be called upon to help citizens in crisis situations. ACAPP members come from all walks of life with the common interest of making Arlington better.

Each month, in this section of the Newsletter, I will provide updates about what is going on in the North District to keep you informed. Contact me at 817-459-5589 or <mailto:kim.fretwell@arlingtontx.gov>.

# On Call in the South District



## Greetings South District

Deputy Chief Jeff Petty joined the South District in July 2011, a move that he calls a high point in his career. Heading into his 24<sup>th</sup> year as a Police Officer, Chief Petty says that each year gets better. He credits the significant crime reductions in the South District last year to the support from the community and he has plans to continue those efforts.



I would like to take this time to wish you all a Happy New Year and express my sincere gratitude for a great 2011 and start to the 2012 year. The dedication I have seen from our citizen volunteers is nothing short of amazing. I saw you staffing Sky Watch Towers, handing out vehicle burglary report cards in the hot Texas sun, patrolling your neighborhoods and organizing your neighbors for one of the most successful National Night Out campaigns in the nation.

As your commitments have meant so much to us over the last year, I would like to reaffirm our commitment to you. The Arlington Police Department's Vision Statement reads: *"To achieve a safer community by providing excellent service and involving our community as partners."* With 70 Community Watch Groups in the South District, you have certainly confirmed your willingness to partner with the Police Department to make our communities safer. I would like 2012 to be the year that we, as an organization, provide you with the highest level of customer service imaginable. Together, we can accomplish great things.

## Meet South District Crime Prevention Officer Jakisha Jones

Jakisha V. Jones is the new Crime Prevention Officer for the South District of Arlington. She has been with the Arlington Police Department for more than six years and has received numerous commendations along with several hundred hours of extensive training. She has served as a patrol officer and was a member of the Department's newly implemented Foot Patrol Unit.

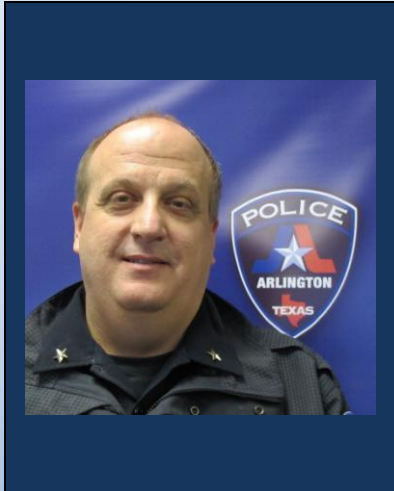


I am always striving to implement service and community oriented policing during my tenure in the City of Arlington. I received my Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology from Texas Wesleyan University, and I am currently completing a Masters Degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of Texas at Arlington.

I am anticipating an awesome year involving strengthening the relationships between current community watch groups and business alliances, as well as organizing new groups and being involved in community service. It is my goal to diligently partner with the great citizens of Arlington to ensure that we can live, work and enjoy our neighborhoods together.

Contact me at 817-459-6468 or [Jakisha.Jones@Arlingtontx.gov](mailto:Jakisha.Jones@Arlingtontx.gov).

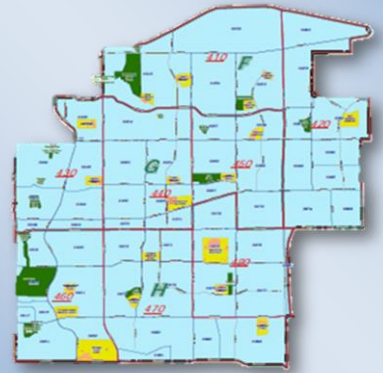
# On Call in the East District



## Greetings East District

Deputy Chief Blake Miller oversees officers in the East Patrol District. He joined the Arlington Police Department in 1988. Chief Miller has served in several roles including Patrol, Personnel and Recruiting, Training, Tactical Unit and as the Media Liaison.

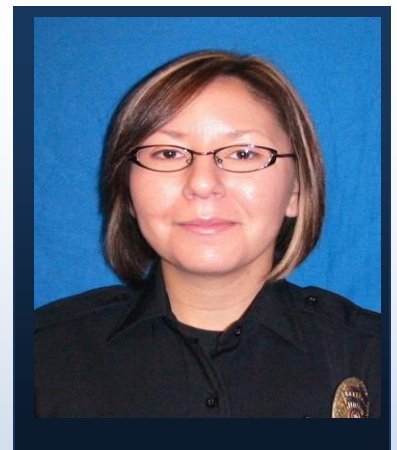
Chief Miller was appointed to Deputy Police Chief in 2009.



I have been assigned to area command for the Super Bowl and NBA All-Star game while chairing the Public Safety Hospitality Committee. I obtained a Bachelor's Degree from Texas Christian University and attended the Senior Management Institute of Policing and the Institute for Law Enforcement Administration. I am looking forward to a great 2012 in the East District.

## Meet East District Crime Prevention Officer Faviola Delgado

Officer Faviola Delgado is the Crime Prevention Officer assigned to the East District. As a Crime Prevention Officer, she works closely with Community Watch Groups, Citizens on Patrol groups, apartment managers and business owners to provide the tools necessary to lessen the risk of becoming a crime victim.



I have been with the Police Department for seven years. During that time, I have been assigned to patrol and have assisted other units within the department. Working in the East District is enjoyable to me due to its diverse nature. I am also the Coordinator for the Hispanic Citizens Police Academy, which is held twice a year.

I look forward to working with you and continuing to be of assistance in the East District. Together, we can continue to reduce crimes as part of our community-based policing philosophy. Contact me at [Faviola.Delgado@Arlingtontx.gov](mailto:Faviola.Delgado@Arlingtontx.gov) or 817-459-5817.

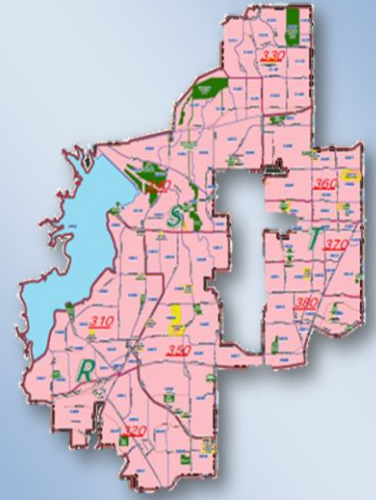
# On Call in the West District



## Greetings West District

Deputy Chief Kim Lemaux is responsible for overseeing the daily police operations of the West Patrol District. She has dedicated many years to making Arlington a safer community. Chief Lemaux recently celebrated 30 years with the Department.

Chief Lemaux has served in a variety of assignments including Patrol, Investigations, Training, Personnel, and Recruiting and Community Affairs.



I am excited about my recent assignment in the West District and look forward to using my experience to serve the citizens in the district. I am deeply committed to developing relationships and partnerships with the community. We all know that the best way to prevent crime is to be proactive with our residents and businesses. Community partnerships are the key to that success. I strongly believe it requires all of us in our community to take responsibility for and work together to address crime and quality of life issues.

## Meet West District Crime Prevention Officer Douglas Glotfelty

Officer Glotfelty has been with the Crime Prevention Unit for many years and understands the importance of providing critical safety information to the public.

He joined the Arlington Police Department in 2002 as a patrol officer and worked in the North District. He graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington and has resided in or near Arlington for the past 30 years.



In addition to being the Crime Prevention Officer for the West District, I am also a State Certified Police Instructor and a member of the Arlington Police Honor Guard. Some regular programs that I coordinate include the Citizens Police Academy and the Police Athletic League. I look forward to continuing the great work going on in the West District.

In this section of the newsletter, Officer Glotfelty will provide updates about what is going on in the West District. You can contact Officer Glotfelty at 817-459-6072 or by email at <mailto:doug.glotfelty@arlingtontx.gov>.

# ... On Call in the Entertainment District



The Entertainment District Tourism Unit is comprised of a Sergeant and four Officers. Officers John Millstead and Rueben Hilliard, Sgt. Tarrick McGuire, Officers Todd Cupples and Andrew Cornwell.

In a partnership between the Arlington Convention and Visitors Bureau and Arlington Downtown Business District, this specialized law enforcement unit is dedicated to tourism and ensuring a safe “fan experience” for the 6.8 million visitors who descend on Arlington annually for sports, dining, shopping and fun!

The Entertainment District Tourism Unit employs tourism-oriented policing to help enhance public safety in the Entertainment District and downtown Arlington area.

Officers regularly meet with business leaders and provide crime prevention tips to hotels, restaurants, amusement parks and entertainment venues.

## ... In the Community



Hundreds of youth service groups, clubs, organizations, churches and businesses answered the call for service in January in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The Arlington MLK Day of Service was coordinated by Officer Stephanie Gillespie.

Sgt. Christopher Cook and Crime Prevention Specialist Curtice Ervin presented to audience members at the January meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Arlington Southwest. They introduced the new Citizens on Patrol Mobile program and invited Kiwanis members to connect with the Police Department through social media.



On the MLK Day of Service, Assistant Police Chief James Hawthorne and Texas Rangers officials worked in the warehouse at the Life Shelter.





Richard Greene Scholar **Ruth Mosoti** recently came to the Arlington Police Department to learn more about the inner workings of law enforcement. On January 11, this Sam Houston High School senior interned at the Ott Cribbs Public Safety Building and met with **Assistant Chief Jaime Ayala**. During their visit, they talked about his 23 years in law enforcement and the Department's community-policing philosophy. As a future medical student, she talked to Chief Ayala about the importance of education. The Richard Greene Scholar Program is sponsored by the Texas Rangers in partnership with the City of Arlington and Arlington ISD.

## Remember the Trading Cards from the Past?

The Arlington Police Department is bringing them back.

**Future cards will feature the K-9 Unit, Motors Officers, Lake Unit, Entertainment District Tourism Unit, SWAT Team, and many others.**

**A New Card Will Be Unveiled Every Month in 2012  
Collect all 12!**

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The January card features our newly-redesigned Dodge Charger at the 2010 and 2011 World Series.

Call 817-459-5333 or email [Christopher.Cook@arlingtontx.gov](mailto:Christopher.Cook@arlingtontx.gov) to ask about sponsorship opportunities and distribution. It only costs \$225 dollars to add your business logo and sponsor 5,000 trading cards.



## **PROJECT 365 "IDENTITY THEFT"**

### **Prevention Tip #1**

*Your Social Security Number can never be changed. Therefore it is imperative that you take particular measures to protect it.*

- Store your Social Security Card and any documents containing it away in a safe place.
- Do not store electronic tax forms in your computer. Instead, print or download them into a removable storage device such as a disk or flash drive. Keep all tax forms, disks and flash drives stored and locked away.

-Curtice Ervin 2012 NNO Coordinator APD

***Thank You for Keeping Your Thumbs on the Wheel.***

**Don't Text and Drive. In Arlington, It's Against the Law.**

Essentially, any use of a cell phone by a driver aside from making a phone call is a violation. That means texting, sending or reading emails, or playing games on your cell phone while driving could result in a citation.

**Working Together, We Can Make Arlington Streets Safer.**

## **On Call**

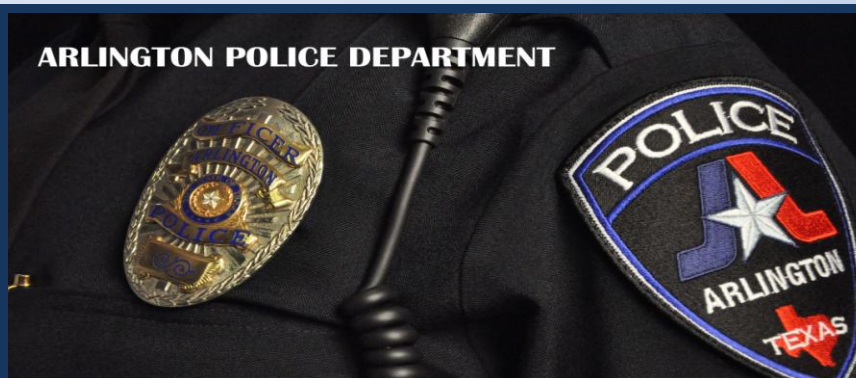
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### **APD Mission**

Achieve a safer community by providing excellent service and involving our community as partners.

### **APD Values**

Respect      Education      Diversity      Service      Accountability  
Teamwork      Innovation      Integrity      Leadership

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